

*Please amend claim 41 as follows:*

41. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a cell according to claim 35 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

*Please amend claim 43 as follows:*

43. A vessel for containing a culture of cells, which vessel is coated with an inhibitor or compound as defined in claim 2.

*Please amend claim 44 as follows:*

44. A kit for culturing cells comprising a culture medium or culture medium pre-mix as defined in claim 32.

*Please amend claim 46 as follows:*

46. Method of identifying an inhibitor that can be used to prepare cells for transplantation in a process according to claim 22, comprising contacting a candidate substance with a mammalian cell and determining whether the candidate substance inhibits the formation of fibrils or causes the breakdown of fibrils, (i) the inhibition of formation of fibrils or (ii) the breakdown of fibrils, indicating that the substance is an inhibitor that can be used in said process.

*Please amend claim 47 as follows:*

47. Method of identifying an inhibitor that can be used to prepare cells for transplantation in a process according to claim 22, comprising contacting a candidate substance with a protein capable of forming fibrils, or with a fibril, and determining whether the substance inhibits the formation of the protein into a fibril, or whether the substance causes the breakdown of the fibril, (i) inhibition of fibril formation or, (ii) the breakdown of fibrils, indicating that the substance can be used in said process.

*Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii), a marked up version of the specification and claims showing the changes made appear as Appendices to this Preliminary Amendment.*